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SUBJECT: Update on PKK Violence (August 24-31, 2007)

REF: ANKARA 2001 and previous

(U) Sensitive but unclassified - please protect accordingly.

11. (SBU) This is another in a series of periodic reports on PKK violence in Turkey. Our primary sources for these reports are mainstream Turkish press services, such as the Anatolian News Agency, and international wire services. While these are more reliable than most Turkish press sources, they are not necessarily unimpeachable. A major source is the Turkish General Staff (TGS) website which documents contacts/clashes with the PKK. Press services sympathetic to the PKK, such as Neu-Isenburg People's Defense Forces and Firat News Agency, tend to report higher numbers of the Turkish Security Forces casualties and are often otherwise unreliable.

12. (U) During the August 24-31, 2007 reporting period, three GOT security officials were killed during clashes with PKK terrorists and six were injured, including three in mine explosions.

13. (U) In the same period, 20 PKK terrorists were reported killed in clashes, while seven PKKers were captured and another three surrendered.

14. (U) The TGS website reported five clashes between security forces and PKK terrorists in Turkey's southeastern region during the reporting period. Security forces discovered ten PKK shelters/caves/caches and seized booby-trapped land mines; other explosives, including A-4 and TNT; Kalashnikov rifles; cartridges; hand grenades; pistols; night vision binoculars; TV sets; satellite antennas; and radios.

15. (U) Activity as reported by TGS website:

CLASHES	NUMBER
May 2007	40
June 2007	40
July 2007	15
August 1-7, 2007	5
August 8-15, 2007	1

August 16-23, 2007 1
August 24-31, 2007 5
August 2007 (full month) 12

CASUALTIES

Security Forces

May 2007 15 KIA, 52 WIA
June 2007 23 KIA, 51 WIA
July 2007 10 KIA, 14 WIA
August 1-7, 2007 7 KIA, 8 WIA
August 8-15, 2007 0 KIA, 16 WIA
August 16-23, 2007 2 KIA, 0 WIA
August 24-31, 2007 3 KIA , 6 WIA
August 2007 (full month) 12 KIA , 30 WIA

PKK

May 2007 20 KIA, 31 captured, 3 surrendered
June 2007 34 KIA, 16 captured, 17 surrendered

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July 2007 11 KIA, 10 captured, 13 surrendered
August 1-7, 2007 14 KIA, 3 captured, 0 surrendered
August 8-15, 2007 1 KIA, 10 captured, 1 surrendered
August 16-23, 2007 3 KIA, 4 captured, 3 surrendered
August 24-31, 2007 20 KIA, 7 Captured, 3 surrendered
August 2007 (full month) 38 KIA, 24 Captured, 7 surrendered

CACHES RECOVERED

May 2007 113
June 2007 50
July 2007 28
August 1-7, 2007 7
August 8-15, 2007 10
August 16-23, 2007 13
August 24-31, 2007 10
August 2007 (full month) 40

16. (U) Following are the casualty figures for the 2007.

TURKISH SECURITY FORCES

	KIA	WIA
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JANUARY	1	2
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	5	4

APRIL	18	16
MAY	15	42
JUNE	24	51
JULY	10	14
AUGUST 1-7, 2007	7	8
AUGUST 8-15, 2007	0	16
AUGUST 16-23, 2007	2	0
AUGUST 24-31, 2007	3	6
AUGUST (full month)	12	30
TOTAL	86	169

PKK

	KIA	Captured	Surrendered
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JANUARY	0	5	3
FEBRUARY	0	14	0
MARCH	16	15	7
APRIL	16	8	4
MAY	20*	31	3
JUNE	34	16	17

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JULY	11	10	13
AUGUST 1-7, 2007	14	3	0
AUGUST 8-15, 2007	1	10	1
AUGUST 16-23, 2007	3	4	3
AUGUST 24-31, 2007	20	7	3
AUGUST (full month)	38	24	7
TOTAL	135	123	54

* Includes PKK suicide bomber from May 22 attack in Ankara

CIVILIANS

	KIA	WIA
JANUARY	0	0
FEBRUARY	1	0
MARCH	0	0
APRIL	1	0
MAY	14*	108*
JUNE	1	1
JULY	1	3
AUGUST 1-7, 2007	1 (by the PKK)	0
AUGUST 8-15, 2007	0	1
AUGUST 16-23, 2007	0	0

AUGUST 24-31, 2007	0	0
AUGUST (full month)	1	1
TOTAL	19	115

* Includes 9 KIA and 100 WIA from May 22 Ankara bombing.

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